

5.4 The Triangle Inequality

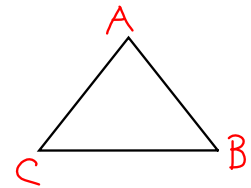


Thm. 5.11--The triangle inequality theorem--the sum of the lengths of any 2 sides of a triangle is greater than the length of the 3rd side.

$$AB + BC > AC$$

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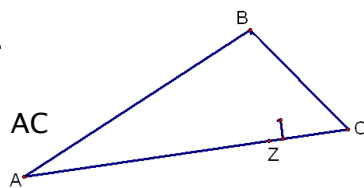
$$AC + BC > AB$$



Let's Prove it.

Given: $\triangle ABC$

Prove: $AB + BC > AC$



Do the lengths represent a triangle?

4, 5, 7 *yes*

13, 12, 20 *yes*

7, 14, 21 *no*

7, 7, 7 *yes*

8, 8, 19 *no*

Two sides of a triangle are 6 and 11.
What is the range of the 3rd side?

$$5 < x < 17$$

$$\frac{11}{-6} \quad \frac{11}{+6}$$

Two sides of a triangle are 12 and 18.
What is the range of the 3rd side?

$$\frac{-18}{-12} \quad \frac{12}{+18}$$

$$6 < x < 30$$

Distance Formula

A(0, 5)

B(8, 2)

C(4, 3.5)

$$AB = \sqrt{(8-0)^2 + (2-5)^2}$$

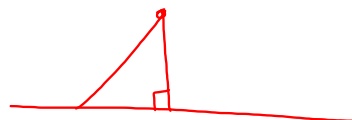
$$= \sqrt{64 + 9} \approx 8.544$$

$$BC = 4.272$$

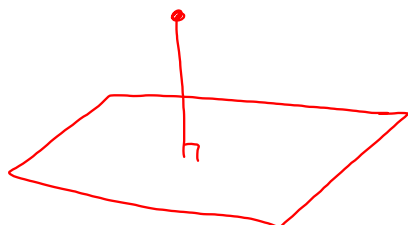
$$AC = 4.272$$

Not a \triangle

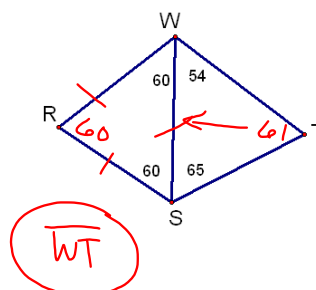
Thm 5.12--Shortest distance from a point to a line is a perpendicular segment



Corollary 5.1--shortest distance from a point to a plane is a perpendicular segment

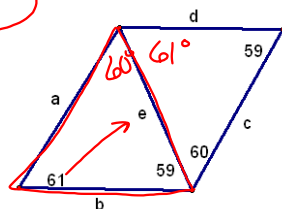


What is the longest segment?



What is the longest segment?

C



$$e > b > a \quad \} \quad c > d > e$$

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